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## Speeders beware:

New ASG point-based program keeps track of motorists' offenses

**BY KEVIN YOUNG**  
100TH ASG PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Don't get a ticket from either the *Polizei* or the military police. Either way, it will affect your license to drive in the 100th Area Support Group communities of Vilseck, Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels.

The ASG has implemented the Improved Driver's Discipline Program with its Bad Driver Database, both designed to keep repeat offenders from behind the wheels of government vehicles.

Under the new policy, the 100th ASG Provost Marshal Office will track traffic violations of everyone in its three communities. Each offense for a Soldier, a civilian or a local

national ticketed on post in a nontactical vehicle (government sedan, truck or other automobile dispatched through the transportation motor pool) can result in the suspension of that person's privilege to drive such a vehicle.

According to Ron Mund, deputy PM for the ASG, the program's aim is bringing bad drivers to a halt.

"[Col. Richard Jung], the ASG commander, wanted to put more teeth into enforcement of violations, because it didn't look like we were getting people's attention," Mund said. "They weren't taking safety seriously."

"We already collect the data on tickets and traffic accidents," he continued. "When we started

looking at the data for repeat offenders, especially offenders who are dangerous to the public, we found several of them. This program will point them out and serve them notice that they need to slow down, and they need to think 'safe driving,' because they're endangering people's lives, and they're a risk to the community."

Because of legal restrictions, Jung's options for punishing these lawless drivers were limited:

Suspensions	
<b>MPH over limit</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>1 to 10</b>	<b>7 days</b>
<b>11 to 15</b>	<b>14 days</b>
<b>16 to 20</b>	<b>21 days</b>
<b>21 or more</b>	<b>30 days</b>
<b>Note: Penalties double for subsequent offenses.</b>	

"We can stop people from driving on the installation," Mund said. "The installation commander has the authority to say who can and can't drive on his installation."

Ticketed motorists will face increasingly longer suspensions for the traffic points they accumulate. Speeding in a sedan means an immediate suspension of TMP-driving privileges for seven or more days; subsequently, the period will double for each violation. The number of miles per hour by which the driver exceeds the speed limit also has an impact on the penalty (see box).

"This isn't just about speeding," Mund said. "Every violation you can get, except parking, can earn you points and affect your privileges to drive on post: drunken driving, not wearing a seat belt, talking on your cell phone while you're driving, traffic accidents."

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Photo by Allison Eckel

### 'Buen olfato para las noticias' (Nose for news)

Maricela Garcia teaches her daughter Angelina and other children the Spanish words for facial features during Vilseck Library's Spanish story hour, held Sept. 16 in conjunction with Hispanic Heritage Month. For more about this cultural celebration, see page 3.

# Commentary

## Letter from Iraq

# Pick packages that show you care

*Editor's note: Col. Richard Jung, 100th Area Support Group commander, whose column normally appears in this space, has been in Iraq, and wished that this open letter from a Soldier stationed there be used in his stead. Jung will resume writing for the next issue.*

**BY CAPT. SHANE SIMS**  
3RD BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

As a Soldier stationed in Iraq, I am frequently asked about care packages. The best items are things many people wouldn't think of sending. Great items are hand sanitizers, wet wipes, DVDs, books (particularly sci-fi and action or adventure), flashlights, black or tan gloves (for handling metal in the Iraqi heat), batteries (AAA and AA are in hot demand), paper and envelopes, pens, magazines, and canned foods, such as Vienna sausages, pork and beans, and other camping food. Because most of us live in metal containers, magnets and posters are also

useful to put on our walls.

People and companies have also sent higher-priced items that have been big hits: physical training equipment, including jump ropes, boxing gloves and bags, and exercise balls; Sony Play Stations, X Boxes and other computer games; and Web cams – a great way for us to communicate, as it lets us feel as close to home as possible. Such things really improve morale and welfare, which will become bigger issues for all of us as the holidays approach. Be assured that these big-ticket items get used by large groups of Soldiers, rather than a single one. If you decide to donate something expensive, be sure to include it on your tax return.

Although I love getting care packages, I am sometimes bombarded with them, while a lot of Soldiers never receive any. I'm happy to hook them up with items,

so those who want to send a care package should address it as follows:

**Any Soldier**  
**c/o Capt. Shane Sims**  
**C/2-63, 3BCT**  
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**APO AE 09392**

The other things we love getting are letters — especially from children. Young single Soldiers cover their walls with letters from unknown students in elementary schools across the nation. What is even more impressive is that Soldiers write back, and many of them become pen pals. Children have a great way of saying they appreciate our fighting for their future over here. If you're a teacher or have a young son or daughter, encourage them to write.

We appreciate all your support, which makes enduring these times away from our loved ones so much easier.

# HISSES AND HURRAHS

Hurrah to the employees of the Vilseck Burger King for their caring and compassion in helping a young mother and her son. On Aug. 31, a family had just gotten their lunch when their 18-month-old fell out of his chair. The employees helped clean him up and comforted the mother. When it became obvious that further medical care was necessary, an employee gave them a ride to the clinic and made sure they were in the right place before heading back to work. After treatment at the clinic (which included stitches to his lower lip) and a trip to the dentist to make sure no damage was done to his teeth, they were taken back to Burger King and given fresh lunches and help with the stroller, food and arrangements. It didn't end there. After lunch, one of the employees gave this young family a ride back to their quarters.

Again, hurrah for going above and beyond the call of duty!  
*Nancy Jacob Vilseck*

Hurrah to the Timberwolves observer-controller team for their generous support of the Iraq school-supply drive. Thanks to their enthusiastic response, the Timberwolves Operation Iraqi

Freedom Family Readiness Group was able to send hundreds of school supplies (ranging from paper and pens to binders and bags) to the Timberwolves in Iraq. These much-needed items will be distributed to schools during the team's patrols of Iraqi communities.

*Heidi Fedak Hohenfels*

Hurrah for Dale Sullivan at the Grafenwoehr Furniture Store. We are in the process of moving, and he has been very helpful. He is always courteous and goes out of his way to help us get what we need. We wanted to purchase a bedroom set that Grafenwoehr did not have, and he called all over Europe to find it for us.

*Suzanne Bidinger Grafenwoehr*

Hiss to the Grafenwoehr Commissary for using fake rodents in their Halloween display! Don't they know that's disgusting – especially for a grocery store?

*Anna Byars Grafenwoehr*

Hurrah to Sgt. 1st Class Sean Wilson, 7th Army Training Command Noncommissioned

Officers Academy, who received his associate's degree from the Central Texas College Europe offices, in a ceremony Aug. 27. Wilson plans to study for a bachelor's degree in marketing and advertising from the University of Maryland.

*Ed.*

Hiss to us for incorrectly identifying Col. Edward Kane as Command Sgt. Maj. William Ellenburg in the Sept. 14 edition.

In the photograph that accompanied the change-of-command story, Kane inspects troops from the 7th Army Training Command with Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling and Brig. Gen. Robert Williams.

The *Training Times* apologizes for its error.

*Ed.*

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*Submissions to Hisses and Hurrahs should be sent via e-mail to the editor at cara.matlock@graf.eur.army.mil, or faxed to 475-7935. Please include a brief description of the episode, along with your name and community, a telephone number or e-mail address, and the name of the person you deem worthy of mention, if known. Identities of those to be censured or criticized should not be revealed: We wish to invoke only private shame, not public stonings.*

# Q&A

No matter how much fun summer is, it lacks the crispness of autumn, cozy woolens and the golden quality of school days. 'Training Times' asked children, "What has been the best part?"



**Julia Rivera**  
"We got a lot of extra recesses."



**Carolina Lechner**  
"Getting a locker for the first time"



**Tatyana Dickson**  
"Playing games – like the matching-the-cards game"



**Veronica Perez**  
"I have a really good teacher."



**Max Moser**  
"Recess!"

Interviews and photos by Alice Adler

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Rimes

## Star's cancellation leaves local MWR holding food bag

BY ALLISON ECKEL  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Fans were not the only ones disappointed when LeAnn Rimes canceled her free concert, scheduled for Sept. 24 at the Vilseck Airfield, because of illness.

The 409th Base Support Battalion's Morale, Welfare and Recreation division had planned to sell food and beverages during the performance.

"We purchased the normal stuff: hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, sodas, chips, popcorn, et cetera. MWR is obligated to retain the hamburgers and hot dogs," Freddie Giddens, MWR director for the 100th Area Support Group, said. "The rest of the merchandise will be returned to the commissary or to the vendor where the purchase was made." He said that MWR officials and the command are deciding how best to use those frozen meats.

Rimes had come to Europe as part of an extended promotional tour for her new album, *This Woman*, due out Nov. 2.

While in England early last week, she "sought medical attention," said Jim Sohre, Installation Management Agency-Europe entertainment director. "Her doctors advised her not to perform."

But Rimes soldiered on, traveling to Ramstein Air Base Sept. 23 for the first of her two scheduled visits to U.S. military bases in Germany. There, she gave servicemembers and their families a 30-minute version of her customary performance.

Her visit to Vilseck the following day was canceled. "She was really disappointed," Sohre said.

Rimes does not have long to recover; she is scheduled to appear on a number of daytime talk shows in New York City the first week of October. The country-music star will resume her concert engagements when she joins the Blue Collar Comedy Tour Oct. 18 in Athens, Ga.

# Month celebrates Hispanic heritage

BY ALLISON ECKEL  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Through Oct. 15, communities in the 100th Area Support Group will continue a month-long celebration of Hispanic culture and the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to the United States.

When asked to think of noteworthy Latinos, such celebrities as Jennifer Lopez, Robert Rodriguez or John Leguizamo may come to mind. Although Ernie Moya has not achieved fame, she has made an impact: An educated woman who was once the equal employment manager for the 409th Base Support Battalion, Moya now works in the civil rights office at the Pentagon.

Moya spoke during the 409th BSB's Hispanic Heritage Fiesta in Vilseck Sept. 18. Drawing on her background of nonprofit work, particularly mentorship programs for youths who lack direction, she described the uncertain future many of them face.

"Our Hispanic youth represent the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population, accounting for more than a quarter of all new entrants into the labor force," she said. "Yet, according to the National Center for Education statistics, 30 percent of all Hispanic students drop out of high school – four times the rate of non-Hispanic whites."

To counter this trend, Moya urged those gathered at the Langenbruck Center to become role models and "encourage [youths] to pursue education."

Moya also challenged her audience to pass Hispanic traditions to the new generation. "As parents," she said, "my husband and I instill in our children not to forget their roots but to remember that in all that they say and do, they continue to honor their own past heritage and make a difference in their communities and nation."

Many in the local communities are meeting Moya's challenge.



Photo by Allison Eckel

Vilseck Elementary School students (standing, left to right) Alex Muñoz, Nick Muñoz, Marisa Ogas, Isabel Ogas, Alfonso Ochoa, Jacqueline Rojo, Cheyanne Swanson and (seated) Caitlin Swanson wear folk costumes from Juarez, Mexico. The children performed traditional dances from that country during the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Sept. 18 at the Langenbruck Center.

Mexican-American Ana Rojo strives to make a difference with her enthusiasm.

"I want to share my culture with everybody," she said. "I want to show my pride in Mexico."

Rojo has taught Mexican folk dances to a group of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders from Vilseck Elementary School. "I danced when I was young, and I want to teach my daughter," she said. Wearing their traditional costumes from Juarez, her students danced during the Vilseck fiesta. They also have been invited to perform at local German fests.

Born in Mexico and raised in California, Maricela Garcia works with children at her home and in her neighborhood. When Garcia learned that the libraries were hosting Spanish story hours in observance of this special month, she volunteered to read in Vilseck and took the tales a step further Sept. 16, when she taught the children to count, recite the alphabet and identify major body parts *en español*.

Nicaraguan Gabby Arguello

tries to impart the joy she takes in volunteering to her three daughters. A family readiness group leader for the 106th Finance Battalion who also volunteers at Army Community Service, Arguello knows of only two Nicaraguan families in Vilseck, so that when the fiesta was planned, she knew that her family should participate. Arguello cooked *pastelitos de carne* and *gallo pinto* for the event, and her daughters wore traditional Nicaraguan dresses made by their grandmother. (Her eldest daughter, Gabriella-Alexis, was the 409th BSB Youth Volunteer of the Year in 2003.)

Nearly half of Hispanic Heritage Month has passed, but many more events are scheduled.

The libraries of the 409th BSB have planned a variety of activities for adults as well as children. Vilseck will host its final Spanish story hour Sept. 30, 10 to 11 a.m., and Grafenwoehr will do the same Oct. 3, 2 to 3 p.m. Children's videos in that language will be shown Oct. 7, 10 to 11 a.m., in Vilseck, and Oct. 10, 2 to 3 p.m.,

in Grafenwoehr.

Spain will be the focus of the Grafenwoehr Library's monthly Cultural Morning, Oct. 1, 10 to noon. Learn about the country, and pick up a few foreign phrases as well.

Hohenfels will throw its own fiesta Oct. 2, 4 p.m. to midnight, at the Community Activities Center. The party will feature foods from various Hispanic countries, music by *Orquesta Latino*, dancing by *Fuego Andaluz*, flag presentations and door prizes. For more details, call 466-2440/4102.

Yesterday's Club in Vilseck will devote two evenings to the theme. *Orquesta Latino* will perform Oct. 1, 5 to 11 p.m., and a disc jockey will spin Latino tunes Oct. 15. Call 476-2937 for times.

Schoolchildren at Vilseck Elementary will celebrate with history and cultural displays, prizes, and refreshments at their own festival Oct. 9, 12 to 5 p.m.

Finally, Father Travaglione will conduct Catholic Mass in Spanish at 3 p.m. Oct. 10, in the Grafenwoehr Chapel.

## hail & farewell

An overview of staff changes around the 100th Area Support Group

### Hail

- Maj. John Chaput is the new director of the 409th Base Support Battalion's Directorate of Public Works. Chaput comes from Heidelberg, where he was the logistics officer for the 18th Engineer Brigade.
- Volunteers in the 409th BSB will now submit their hours to Vicky Cunningham at Vilseck Army Community Service. Although she has been a part of the community for some time, Cunningham is the new coordinator for the Army Volunteer Corps, previously called the installation volunteer coordinator.

### Farewell

- Command Sgt. Maj. David Pierce took responsibility for the Combat Maneuver Training Center's Operations Group in Hohenfels Sept. 16.
- General dentist Capt. David Eckel is no longer seeing patients at the Grafenwoehr Dental Clinic. In October, Eckel will return to America, where he will serve at Fort Myer, Va.

Submissions to *Hail & Farewell* should be e-mailed to the editor at [cara.matlock@graf.eur.army.mil](mailto:cara.matlock@graf.eur.army.mil).

# It's your future: Vote for it!

## Regulations for casting your absentee ballot from overseas clarified

### U.S. ARMY EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As Election Day draws near, Soldiers, civilians and family members may wonder if – or when – they should submit a federal write-in absentee ballot.

Those who have registered to vote using a federal postcard application should submit a write-in ballot after Oct. 8 if they have not received their state absentee ballot. To use a write-in ballot, a voter must have submitted a federal postcard application.

Most states did not start mailing their absentee ballots until the third week of

September. Voters can check when their state began at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/pssd/psb/Voting/votingindex.htm>.

For information on current registration and voting status, call the Federal Voting Assistance Program toll-free from Germany at 0800-100-7428. Voters can also find the e-mail address and phone number of their county voting official on the Internet and request confirmation.

Before using the write-in ballot, voters should find out whether they may receive a ballot and vote by fax, which 23 states

allow. To find out whether your state does, phone the U.S. Army Voting Assistance Hotline at 379-9712 or 06202-809712.

Faxed materials should include a signed and dated cover sheet, a template for which is available from your voting assistance officer (see box below).

Those who have not received their state absentee ballot by Oct. 8 should submit a write-in ballot by Oct. 15. All voting assistance officers have these forms and can help in filling them out.

Write-in ballots should be addressed to

the office where the federal postcard application was sent and include the voter's name, current mailing address, signature and date. These ballots are only valid, however, when a regular absentee ballot has been requested but not received. If your state absentee ballot arrives after you've mailed a write-in ballot, fill it out and mail it. Election officials will count one and nullify the other.

For more information, log on to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### Breaking open Hatch Act:

## What you may, may not do for your favorite candidate

### GRAFENWOEHR LAW CENTER

Two federal employees face penalties of 30 days' unpaid suspension if found guilty of sending political e-mail messages while at work. The U.S. Office of Special Counsel, an independent agency which has jurisdiction over the Hatch Act, filed complaints against both on Aug. 12 for alleged violations.

One complaint stated that an employee of the Environmental Protection Agency sent more than a dozen co-

workers e-mails containing a photograph of actress Jane Fonda and presidential candidate John Kerry speaking at an antiwar rally. Underneath was printed, "Please keep this going. We do not need this man as our president."

The other complaint charged that a civilian working for the U.S. Air Force e-mailed more than 70 copies of a facetious version of President Bush's resumé, including charges of incompetence and malfeasance, as well as exhortations to "consider me when voting in 2004" and "send this to every voter you know."

The Hatch Act prohibits on-duty federal civilian employees from engaging in political activities, defined as those "directed toward the success or failure of a political party, candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group."

A civilian employee may not engage in political activity within any room or building where he or another federal employee or officeholder is on duty, in a

vehicle owned or leased by the U.S. government, or in uniform or clothing bearing official insignia.

They are also forbidden to do the following:

- ✓ Use their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election;

- ✓ Run for election to a partisan political office;
- ✓ Solicit, accept or receive political contributions from a subordinate;
- ✓ Intimidate, threaten,

command or coerce another federal employee to engage in or abstain from political activity.

The minimum penalty for employees who violate the Hatch Act is a 30-day suspension without pay, but they may also be fired.

Civilian employees are not banned from politics; indeed, they are highly encouraged to register and vote as they choose. As long as they are not on duty, they may also assist in voter registration drives, express opinions about candidates and issues, attend political rallies and fund-raisers, distribute campaign materials and make speeches, sign nominating petitions, join and hold office in political clubs or parties, contribute money to political organizations (subject to restrictions) and run for office in nonpartisan elections.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel is a secure channel for whistle-blowers. To report a suspected violation, or to obtain more information about the Hatch Act, log on to [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov).

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# Advocate's aim aiding victims of violence

BY ALLISON ECKEL  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As the Army enters its third year of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Soldiers and spouses should be mindful of what can happen on the home front in a time of mobilization.

"What we see before a deployment is that spouse abuse goes up," Simone Hartley said. As the contracted victim advocate for the 409th Base Support Battalion, Hartley is on the front lines of domestic violence.

"People get upset; there's a lot of arguing. [Spouses may say something like] 'If you love me, you wouldn't go downrange,'" she explained. "That's a problem."

For a victim of domestic violence, Hartley said, the process of seeking help and getting out of the situation can be terrifying. The victim advocate can help make that process a little less scary.

"If the spouse reports that she's been beaten by the husband, she calls the [military police, who] ... call my cell phone," she said. "When they ... report [abuse], I can start ... a rapport with that person and say, 'You know what? I'm here; you can call me anytime.'"

Hartley stays in contact with victims, guiding them through the many appointments they will have.

"I make sure that all my clients meet their appointments with [the legal office]. ... I make sure they meet all their medical appoint-

ments, that they keep their appointments with social work services, that there's a safety plan in place," she said.

Domestic violence often extends to children as well.

"What we have seen in the past is that if Soldiers are deployed, child abuse goes up — not so much physical abuse, just neglect," she said.

According to Hartley, the most common form of child neglect occurs when a parent becomes overwhelmed by the separation and begins to

shut down.

"We've had bad, bad houses with dirty diapers on the floor,"

she said. "And taking care of the house, cooking, washing and the kids — it [can become] too much."

Lack of supervision can also qualify as neglect. A caller once reported to the MPs that a neighbor's toddler was playing in the street with no parent in sight, Hartley



Hartley

recalled. "You get in trouble for that, because there are laws and regulations," she said.

Guidelines for child supervision are available online at the Family Advocacy Program link, [www.100asg.mwr.army.mil/acs](http://www.100asg.mwr.army.mil/acs).

"So [parents are] sitting at home, they're depressed [and] they don't go out and seek help," Hartley concluded. Maintaining a support group of local friends, she said, can be the key to staying on track during a deployment. "Get involved in family readiness groups [or] Army Family Team Building [and] volunteer at Army Community Service," she suggested. "This is how you start building up a network of people you know, people that are in the same boat with you, because you're not the only one whose husband or wife is deployed."

## Say 'sayonara' to free Sato services

IMA-EUROPE PRESS RELEASE

Sato Travel will begin charging a transaction fee for each booking of airline tickets — official and leisure — Oct. 1.

This change has been effected by policies within the commercial airline industry. Beginning this month and continuing through the end of the year, most airlines that operate in Europe, including the major U.S. flag carriers, will cease to pay commissions. Without these sources of revenue, SatoTravel will receive little or no monetary compensation. As a result, a transaction fee will be assessed for each airline ticket

their agents book. This fee will be between \$14 and \$15 per round-trip ticket, and if the reservation is canceled, the money will not be refunded.

Travel arrangement changes that require the cancellation and reissue of a ticket will incur an additional fee.

If a traveler books a leisure flight in conjunction with an official one, the government and the traveler will each pay a transaction fee.

Because this change does not affect rental car, train, ferry and hotel bookings, customers will not be charged extra for such reservations.

In the past, customers did not

pay travel agencies for their services. Airlines paid commissions to travel agents for booking tickets on their flights. These agencies used their commissions to cover operating costs and turn a profit.

In the United States, airlines stopped paying commissions in the late 1990s; thereafter, travel agencies began charging fees for their services. All U.S. government travel contracts take this into account. Overseas airlines, however, continued to pay commissions for international travel bookings, until the sea change began this month.

## Newspaper correspondents needed

The *Training Times* will have openings for writer/editors beginning Oct. 1.

Applicants for these nonpersonal services contract positions should be able to work 20 to 40 hours per week covering the Grafenwoehr, Vilseck or Hohenfels military community. Excellent writing skills are required, and experience in digital

photography and desktop-publishing programs, such as Pagemaker or Quark XPress, would be ideal. Hours are flexible.

Those interested should e-mail a cover letter accompanied by a resumé and three writing samples to the public affairs officer at [kathleen.gibbs@graf.eur.army.mil](mailto:kathleen.gibbs@graf.eur.army.mil).

## Speeders

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Any violation with a vehicle falls under this program."

The policy went into effect Sept. 1, and no violations committed before that date will be taken into account. Drivers who have U.S. Army Europe driving permits should note that points they have accumulated at that level will remain on their USAREUR record, because the Bad Driver Database is unconnected to the driving

program of higher headquarters.

Mund said that a ticket doesn't mean an automatic suspension; people are still considered innocent until proven guilty. Action to suspend driving privileges won't be taken until a motorist's BSB commander has deemed that such a penalty is appropriate.

"Our office will collect the data and submit reports to the [Directorate of Logistics] and the [base

support battalion] commanders ...

[both of whom] then take action," he said. "Off that list, the DOL will be able to determine who can or can't drive a government vehicle. The BSB commander has the disciplinary role of issuing letters of reprimand, issuing traffic points, barring people from driving their [privately owned vehicles] on post and things of that nature."



Photo by Franz Zeilmann

Dressed in traditional costumes, children from *Trachtenverein "Erika,"* a cultural group from Sorghof, perform a Bavarian dance accompanied by an accordion player during the Vilseck Kontakt Club's 25th anniversary celebration at the town *Volkschule* Sept. 19.

## Keeping in Kontakt: Vilseck club turns 25

BY ALLISON ECKEL  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Nearly 200 people turned out at the Vilseck *Volkschule* Sept. 19 to celebrate 25 years of German-American friendship, as the Vilseck Kontakt Club hit the quarter-century mark.

The day began with a flea market and ended with line-dancing for adults, pony rides for children, performances of Bavarian music and traditional dances, and a variety of foods from both countries.

Melvin "Speedy" Gonzales founded the Vilseck Kontakt Club in 1979 and is still an active

member. Lt. Col. Joseph Moore, 409th Base Support Battalion commander, and *Buergermeister* Hans-Martin Schertl lauded Gonzales for his contribution to the community. In turn, Moore and Schertl received honorary memberships for their support of the organization from Daniel Koening and Nita Wymer, the club's German and American presidents, respectively.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder sent the club a congratulatory letter in which he thanked members for contributing to German-American relations and volunteering their time and efforts.

In her five years of membership, Wymer said the club has grown to almost 120 members, who meet monthly to plan trips, play darts, chat and "have a fun time." Although many American members have deployed, "We send care packages to them [and are] always in contact," she punned.

Wymer said that everyone is welcome to join the Kontakt Club and that its German-speaking members are willing to help Soldiers, civilians and their families understand life here.

"You don't have to be a member," she stressed. "If you need help, call us."

## Construction at PX alters parking, flow

BY KEVIN YOUNG  
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As the Grafenwoehr Post Exchange empties, the date to start the transformation from retail store to Army Post Office approaches.

According to 100th Area Support Group officials, on Oct. 4 the renovation contractor will erect a safety fence, which will affect parking and traffic in the area. As part of the construction zone, the parking lot adjacent to the PX will close, while the portion beside the triplex softball fields will remain open.

Traffic flow within the parking lot will change from one-way to two-way. A corridor beside the construction zone will lead to Sixt Car Rental and New Car Sales, behind the PX; thus, the only

entry or exit to these facilities will be through the softball field parking area.

Officials said the road that permitted two-way traffic from Sixt to the dining facility is closed, and the road from Sixt to the intersection at the elementary school and the commissary is now one-way in the direction of Sixt. Although school officials do not foresee any changes to the bus schedule, slight delays due to construction-related traffic may occasionally occur.

Finally, at the end of the one-way street between Community Bank and Book Mark, drivers now turn right past the PX to exit; after the barricades are erected, however, they must turn left at the parking lot.



### In brief

#### AAFES holds grand reopening

The Grafenwoehr Book Mark, Power Zone, European Giftware and Hallmark stores were to open Sept. 28 in their new location: building 623, which formerly housed the furniture store.

The new facility will be open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Testimonials needed

To add an element of human interest to the Winter Safety Training Day in October, organizers wish to include local stories.

Personnel in Grafenwoehr and Vilseck who would like to share an experience with cold-weather injuries, alcohol-related accidents, German driving hazards, drug abuse, domestic violence or suicide should contact Todd Clark, 475-7131/6107 or todd.clark@us.

army.mil, or Mike Schwarz, 475-7769 or michael.schwarz@us.army.mil.

#### Olympian banquets cancelled

The U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team arrived in Grafenwoehr Sept. 21 to start their month of training for the 2004 Culinary Olympics. Organizers served notice that the team would not prepare meals for the public, as they had announced earlier.

#### Main gate in Graf to change

Expect changes in early October to the main gate, or gate 3, in Grafenwoehr.

The pass office will be moved approximately 50 meters to the guard shack, next to the bus stop. Guards will check identification closer to gate 5, immediately past the vehicle inspection area at the main gate.

Access to post should not be affected, officials said.

#### First-aid training scheduled

The Red Cross in Grafenwoehr will host a first-aid class, including safety tips and CPR techniques for adults, children and infants, Oct. 2, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in building 129.

The \$35 fee must be paid in advance by check or money order. To register, call 475-1760.

#### OCS deadline nears

The deadline to submit application packets to the 7th Army Training Command Officer Candidate School G1 is Oct. 1.

The 7th ATC OCS board will convene at 10 a.m. Oct. 27 in the Grafenwoehr Water Tower conference room. Soldiers should contact their S1 to schedule an appearance.

# Cardiac care extended to canine

BY SPEC. TODD GOODMAN  
LANDSTUHL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

A urologist, a trauma surgeon and a dog are in an operating room. As strange as it may sound, it's no joke: It's a description of an unusual surgery at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

On Aug. 19, a bomb-sniffing German shepherd named Sgt. Ronnie was evacuated from Iraq. Suffering from acute medical problems, he was taken to Pulaski Barracks, where veterinarians discovered a large amount of fluid around his heart.

The veterinary facilities on military bases in Germany were not equipped to treat Sgt. Ronnie's condition, according to Lt. Col. Danny Jazarevic, chief of vascular surgery at Landstuhl, "so the commander opened our doors to him."

"It is important to offer these brave, four-legged 'soldiers' the best possible care," said Col. Rhonda Cornum, a urologist and the commander at Landstuhl. "If we have to use human, as well as veterinary, physicians and equipment in order to care for them, then we are happy to be able to offer it."

Sgt. Ronnie had a CT scan and an "echocardiogram," an

ultrasound that shows the motion of the heart, as well as any fluid or irregularities in the area. When these tests revealed a heart tumor, Jazarevic said that he and Cornum volunteered to treat the animal. Assisted by a team of veterinarians, anesthesiologists, nurses and medics, they performed open-heart surgery and removed the growth.

"Fortunately, I had done a lot of dog surgery in the past," Cornum said. "I did some at the Institute for Surgical Research at Brooke Army Medical Center and some at the Military Working Dog Center at Lackland Air Force Base."

Her experience, combined with Jazarevic's years as a cardiac and trauma surgeon, resulted in a successful operation.

"Ronnie recovered in record time," said Jazarevic. "He thanked his doctors for saving his life in the only way he could: by kisses and face licks."

The surgery was a first for Landstuhl, where doctors had performed numerous heart surgeries, but never before on a canine patient.

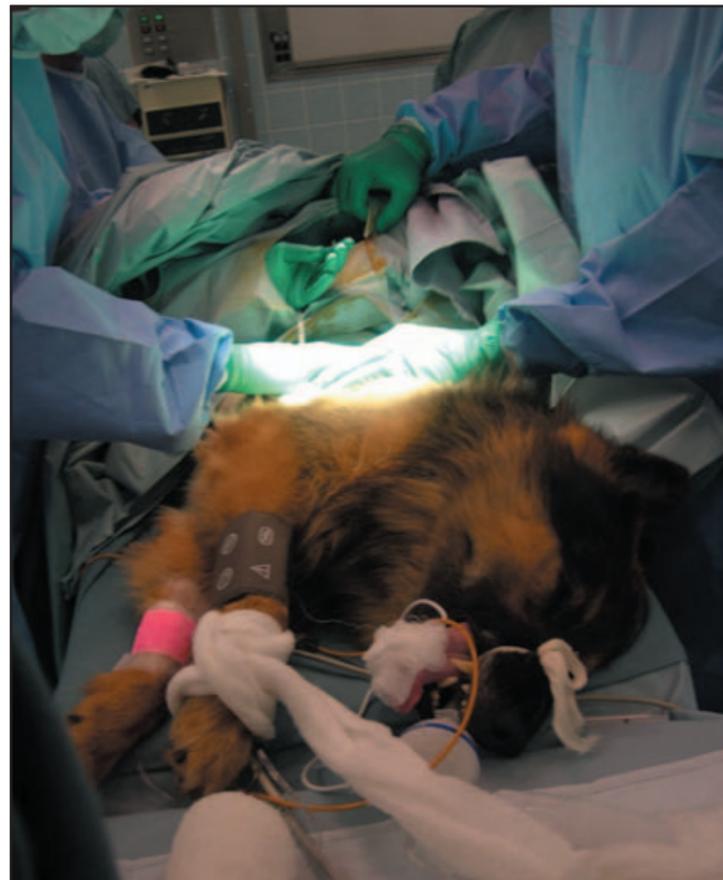
Although Sgt. Ronnie made a full recovery, his military career is over. No more running through

the Iraqi desert sniffing out bombs and saving lives. Cornum said he had been medically retired and flown to the United States to live with his handler, another veteran.

The team that saved Sgt. Ronnie said his living to see retirement was sufficient reward. Cornum and Jazarevic are professed animal lovers, and both own or breed horses and dogs. The doctors take great pride in having given a working dog the same treatment a person would have received.

"To be a surgeon at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is a distinct privilege," Jazarevic said. "Every day, I am honored to take care [of] and operate on the heroes returning from the war. It is no different for ... Sgt. Ronnie. He is an animal of a higher order because of his function, training and purpose. Dogs like him are valuable members of a team."

Cornum agreed. "To me, this is as natural as taking care of any other patient," she said. "Working dogs deserve the same care as other Soldiers. Cutting-edge surgical and medical care ... is for all [troops] and as long as I command [Landstuhl] we will proudly keep the ... doors open for two- and four-legged patients alike."



U.S. Army photo

**Doctors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center perform open-heart surgery on Sgt. Ronnie, a bomb-sniffing German shepherd and Operation Iraqi Freedom "veteran," Aug. 19.**



Photos by Allison and David Eckel

In the 18th century, the King of Prussia gave an exquisite set of amber-encrusted panels to Czar Peter the Great of Russia. His gift disappeared during the Second World War, but the walls of this room (above) are once more ornately adorned, though the present panels contain no amber. Today, the gemstone is most commonly used to make jewelry (right). This ring from Estonia features a large piece of green Baltic amber with a flat, unfinished bottom, indicating that it was taken from the earth, rather than the sea. The cluster earrings (as well as the necklace on page 1) were made near Gdansk, Poland, from translucent honey-colored beads.



The old world collides with the new in Tallinn, Estonia – on its skyline as well as in the town itself – where hordes of tourists disembark from cruise ships harbored in this medieval, and formerly Soviet, Baltic port. This small country offers a wealth of opportunities to purchase amber, which is refined there.

## Amber waves

Where the north coast of Germany meets Poland lies the gateway to the Baltic Sea, source of the most highly prized caches of amber in the world.

BY ALLISON ECKEL  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Between 30 and 50 million years ago, the Baltic Sea and Eastern Europe were one vast, subtropical pine forest, the trees of which produced an abundance of sap, or "resin." As it seeped through the trunks, this resin often caught bits of organic material, including bugs, leaves, mushrooms and bits of bark, before it began the long process of fossilization that rendered the organic gemstone known as amber.

Ranging in color and clarity, amber can be pale yellow, honeyed orange, olive green and many shades in between. It can be clear and translucent, filled with forest detritus, or clouded with countless minute bubbles forever on the verge of bursting.

Major trade routes for Baltic amber were established as far back as 3,000 B.C., linking the ancient peoples of Eastern Europe with other major civilizations. Artifacts emblazoned with Baltic amber have been uncovered in the tomb of Egyptian King Tutankhamun from the 14th century B.C. and in Mesopotamia from 900 B.C.

The Greeks first documented amber's ability to produce static electricity when rubbed

with wool in 600 B.C. Ancient Romans braved the wilds of Germania in search of Baltic amber; tens of thousands of Roman coins have been unearthed in modern Poland.

Amber is harvested in two ways: fished from the sea or mined from the earth. Because it has not been tumbled and polished by the ocean, the latter often has a dark, rough outer layer.

The largest harvest-and-refinement centers for Baltic amber are the coasts of Lithuania, where it is the national gem; Kaliningrad, which has been the largest exporter of Baltic amber for several centuries; and the Polish town of Gdansk, which has given Kaliningrad a run for its money.

In the early 1700s, the King of Prussia commissioned amber artisans from Gdansk to create opulent wall panels inlaid with glowing stones and designed to form a complete room. In 1716, the king presented these panels to the Russian Czar Peter the Great as a diplomatic gift. They were hung in the royal family's summer residence outside of St. Petersburg, now known as Catherine's Palace, after Czarina Catherine the Great. In the late 1700s, she employed

artisans from Kaliningrad to increase the splendor of the amber room.

In 1942, the German army dismantled this room and moved it to a castle in Kaliningrad. When it was bombed in the final year of World War II, the panels were lost. Today, Catherine's Palace contains a room walled with amber-free replicas.

For the traveler who seeks a modern link to this ancient natural wonder, Kaliningrad and Lithuania are difficult to visit. Although Soviet bureaucracy is no longer a factor, tourism has yet to take hold.

Gdansk and the smaller amber-refining country of Estonia, however, welcome tourists, and passengers from docked cruise ships are ferried in buses to shops selling all things amber.

Outside of Gdansk stands Wislouszcje, a 16th-century fortress that houses an amber exhibit, workshops and, of course, a selection of amber jewelry at prices lower than those found in nearby boutiques.

After 5,000 years, people from throughout the world still flock to the countries on the Baltic Sea, hoping to buy a link to the primordial world.



The rows of shops along historic St. Mary's Street in Gdansk, Poland, are filled with amber jewelry, boxes, figurines and Tiffany-style lamp shades (above). As in any well-traveled area, prices are high.



A man polishes amber inside the Wislouszcje Fortress, outside Gdansk.



Tallinn is a popular shopping destination, especially for Scandinavians. Situated in the middle of a pond, this gazebo is an oasis from such worldly pursuits.

# Sports bar takes field with grand opening

BY ALICE ADLER  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Hohenfels fans entered The Zone Sept. 10, when a new bar by that name opened in the space previously home to the Great Escape. This restaurant rookie entered the arena with free hot dogs, chili and door prizes.

After a transformation that took several months, the old space has a new look. The interior is covered with sports memorabilia, and a full-sized sailboard hangs over the bar. Lining the walls are 13 television screens that display a variety of competitions beamed in from AFN Sports and the German Astrosport channel. The upcoming acquisition of a Premier sports package will mean more programming, including pay-per-view fights.

The Zone will also show major sporting events, such as big football games, the PGA Tour, the NBA playoffs and the

opening of the NHL season Oct. 13. All-day broadcasts of game after game on Thanksgiving Day and a party for the annual Army-Navy engagement on Dec. 4 are also planned.

For those who don't follow the games, a number of bands will perform in October, and karaoke will be offered weekly. On Halloween, a costume bash will feature an open mike and prizes.

The Zone has a full bar and serves chicken wings, chili, chips, baked potatoes and other snacks. It is equipped to host hails and farewells, private parties and other functions, with or without catering from Sam's Rib Shack.

Hours of operation are Thursdays, 4 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 to 11 p.m.; and Sundays, 5 to 11 p.m.

To schedule an event or obtain more information, call Jamie Shallish at 09472-832000.



Photo by Alice Adler

A suspended sailboard gives a whiff of the great outdoors to The Zone sports bar, which opened Sept. 10 after months of renovation to the former Great Escape.

## In brief

### Classes in dance to start

Children's dancing lessons will begin Oct. 4. The classes in ballet, tap and "combo" (which comprises many forms, including cultural dances) will meet at the Post Gym.

Students must be enrolled with Child and Youth Services and have undergone a health assessment within the past year. The fee is \$50 to \$100, depending on the child's age. Sign up through Sept. 30 at CYS Central Registration.

Call 466-2078 for information.

### Club seeks causes

The Hohenfels Community and Spouses' Club is accepting requests for funds from community organizations.

Letters should include an amount, an explanation, the number it will benefit and a point of contact.

Requests should be mailed to HCSC, ATTN: Welfare Committee, CMR 414, Box 1912, APOAE 09173.

For more information, call Beth Holsather at 09472-911790.

### Recruit for alma mater

Hohenfels High School needs college graduates to represent their respective schools for an information fair Oct. 20, 6 to 8 p.m., in the Great Hall.

Alumni should contact their admissions offices online to request brochures and free school paraphernalia for 150 students. Most colleges are receptive, and a large number of participants means greater choice for the seniors.

For more information, call Michele Wolff, school liaison officer, at 466-2783, or e-mail to michele.wolff@us.army.mil

### Closures

- The Warrior Hill PXtra will be closed Oct. 4 and 5.

- Military Clothing and Sales will open at 2 p.m. Oct. 7, while the Albertshof Shopette moves.



Photo by Dawn Elkins

Kristi-Rene Welch, Amanda Carter, Mary Beth Graham and Alysha Gaskins lift Jessica Grazier at the Universal Cheerleading Association camp in Kaiserslautern Sept. 3 to 5.

# Camp fills team with good cheer

BY ALICE ADLER  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

Local high-school cheerleaders participated in a three-day cheer camp in Kaiserslautern Sept. 3 to 5. Sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association, the camp drew more than 200 students from Department of Defense Dependents' Schools in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Over the weekend, UCA instructors taught cheers, dances and stunts, which the campers practiced with their coaches.

Dawn Elkins, Hohenfels coach, explained that the moves they learned will be used in their practices at home.

"I think they will progress very quickly," she said.

On their final afternoon, each team performed a single cheer and a dance for other campers and their teachers, whose evaluations included praise as well as pointers. Watching the

other teams was also instructive, Elkins said, because the girls saw a number of styles and abilities.

Amanda Carter, a ninth-grader from Hohenfels attending for the first time, found the camp worthwhile and rewarding, saying, "I definitely would like to go again."

Amanda felt that, technically, the best part of the camp was picking up moves that can be integrated into their routines.

"I liked learning the stunts," she said, referring to the elaborate tosses and lifts these girls execute. Amanda felt she had come away with more than new feats, however.

"I really enjoyed interacting with the group," she said. "It was a real bonding experience for our team."

Also attending from Hohenfels were Kristen Donovan, Alysha Gaskins, Mary Beth Graham, Jessica Grazier, Courtney Green, Caitlin McBride, Bethany Parks and Kristi-Rene Welch.

# Soldier turns curator, founds museum with finds

BY ALICE ADLER  
TRAINING TIMES STAFF

The 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, aka OPFOR, plays a key role at Hohenfels. These Men in Black strive to give units who rotate through the Combat Maneuver Training Center the best military training.

Even before there was a CMTC, however, 1-4 Infantry was an integral part of the Army. The history of this unit is the focus of a new museum inside the regimental headquarters, building 856.

The 1-4 Infantry Museum, which traces the



Pfc. Austin Coey checks out the exhibits during his visit to the museum.

unit's past, as well as that of CMTC, was the brainchild of Staff Sgt. Bryan Hammond of Company C. Except for an 18-month assignment to Fort Campbell, Ky., Hammond has been with 1-4 Inf. for 10 years, and so has witnessed much of its evolution.

"I'm a big history buff ... and I know the area well, so people were coming to me with questions," he explained.

Always particularly interested in the Second World War, Hammond wondered what the impact had been locally.

"My wife is German, and in her school-books, World War II was barely covered," he said. Faced with such a dearth of information, Hammond realized that if he wanted the local perspective, he would have to go to the source. Undeterred, he began his research. He spent one Christmas vacation traveling to many of the villages nearby, interviewing *Buergermeisters* and townspeople. He also spoke to a few men who had been in the *Wehrmacht*; they introduced Hammond to fellow veterans.

"They really wanted to talk," he said. "It's so important to get their stories. We are losing our World War II veterans — German and American — so quickly."

Many of these men appreciated Hammond's interest to such an extent that they gave him personal effects from the war, knowing he would value them. He remains on the lookout for historic military items at local flea markets and on German E-Bay.

In this way, Hammond amassed his



Staff Sgt. Brian Hammond's collection, housed in the 1-4 Infantry Museum, comprises a range of military memorabilia, including a bust of Napoleon Bonaparte (left), artifacts from the American Civil War and numerous objects given to him by local German veterans of the Second World War.

Photos by Alice Adler

collection of World War II and 1-4 Inf. memorabilia. Most of the exhibits in the museum are his, and their range is so extensive that the Pratt Museum at Fort Campbell asked to borrow some of his pieces. Upon returning to Hohenfels, Hammond wanted to establish a home for his trove. When a former office space became available in the headquarters building, someone suggested it as a possible spot. At first, the museum comprised one small glass case, but more were specially built last year, and now Hammond's collection fills the room, which seems to have been a boon personally, as well as professionally.

"My wife was happy to get some of it out of the house," he confessed.

One woman's loss is many others' gain, and so far the feedback has been great, he said.

"People bring their kids down, and some want a tour," Hammond said. "I love showing it off, and I am happy that people take an interest in it."

Hammond continues his research of 1-4 Inf. and the Hohenfels area, hoping to write a book about the viewpoints of German, as opposed to American, veterans, as well as changes that have affected the region in the past 60 years.

For more information about the museum, call Hammond at 466-2175.

# Graf hosts racquetball tourney, weekly clinics

BY DAN FRAIZER

100TH ASG SPORTS AND RECREATION

Players in the 409th Base Support Battalion Racquetball Invitational Tournament Sept. 18 had a shot at the services of a local pro.

Lt. Col. Dennis Rajsich, a reservist working at the Grafenwoehr Health Clinic, lent his experience to the players and staff at Grafenwoehr Field House. Rajsich also suggested that the usual double-elimination brackets be replaced with a round-robin format, in which each competitor plays every other one once; the final standings are determined by total points instead of the number of wins.

Nine players, split into two divisions according to skill, competed in the tournament. Among the beginners, Larry Horton won all of his games, to take top honors with 147 points. He was followed by

Mark Manzo (81 points), Nolan Rice (79 points) and Dan Sherwin (72 points). In the intermediate division, George Holland won with 192 points. Stewart Anderson finished second with 165 points,

followed by Dean Bodoh (118 points), Jeffrey Dykeman (91 points) and Patrick Forrest (38 points).

The next chance for local racquetball players to hit the court will be the 409th BSB Championship, set for Dec. 11 at the field house.

Rajsich teaches free clinics for players of all levels Saturdays and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m., at the field house. A certified instructor of the American Professional Racquetball Organization for 10 years, he has had 25 years' experience as a referee and Head/Penn-sponsored Open player.

Those interested in lessons should call 475-6426/8361.



Rajsich



Photo by Dan Fraizer

Competing in the 409th Base Support Battalion Cross-Country Fun Run in Grafenwoehr Sept. 11 were members of the Vilseck American High School Cross-Country Team: (left to right, front row) Elizabeth Watsek, Ebony Chambers, Ashley Cortez; (middle) Bobby Bohn, Sarah Newsome, Harley Reyna-Reyes, Marissa Romero, coach Rochelle Bohn; (back) Will Lewis, J.C. Aviles, Corbin Skerit, Robert Dunwoody, Erick Arroyo and Anthony Amabile.

## VAHS runners take top spots

BY DAN FRAIZER

100TH ASG SPORTS AND RECREATION

Over the hills and through the woods: Nearly 70 runners traversed the countryside near the Grafenwoehr *Schwimmbad* during the 409th Base Support Battalion Cross-Country Fun Run Sept. 11.

The run comprised 5-, 10- and 15K courses, which twisted and turned within the forests near Schutzenheim, creating a cool, shaded route for the runners as they crunched their way along the gravel trails.

The above-average turnout was due in part to the 18th Combat Support Battalion's team, the Vilseck American High School Cross-Country Team, and the 16-member Highlanders, a team from a British unit training in Grafenwoehr.

In the women's categories, Harley Reyna-Reyes of VAHS won the 5K women's open with a time of 25 minutes, 29.41 seconds, and her teammate Ebony Chambers was runner-up. Allison Smith of the Highlanders took the 10K women's open (46:38.70), and Jessica Gardner came in second. In the 15K women's open, Gwendalyn Lewis placed first (77:44.91), followed by runner-up Rachel

Simms. Kerstin Poling won the 5K women's masters division (35:09.27), and Susi Bradfish came in second. No women entered the 10K masters category, but in the 15K, Vianne Newell placed first (75:43.86), followed by runner-up Liza Walker. Among senior women, Deb Harrison won the 5K (43:25.29), and Rochelle Bohn placed second.

Richard Deaver took the men's 5K open division (20:26.49), and Marcelo Jimenez was runner-up. The winner of the 10K men's open was Eric Royai (28:31.89), and Lee Owen of the Highlanders came in second. Bobby Bohn of VAHS placed first in the 15K men's open (78:35.12). In the men's masters categories, Charles Ball won the 5K (20:47.90), followed by runner-up Kent Galvin. William Derks of the Highlanders took the 10K (41:09.90), and Paul Longwell of the Highlanders came in second. Matt Alden won the 15K (65:25.69). Of the senior men, William Varnado placed first in the 5K (22:10.73), and Rene Cardenas was runner-up. Mark Manzo won the 10K (57:51.55), and in the 15K Thomas Garcia came in first (68:21.14), followed by Mike Smith in second.

## Court in session: Graf floor gets prepped for play

BY DAN FRAIZER

100TH ASG SPORTS AND RECREATION

Construction on the basketball court at the Grafenwoehr Field House is in its final stages, and 100th Area Support Group Sports and Recreation staff expect it to reopen for local cagers by October.

Since work began on the new floor June 26, many players have watched the progress, asking over and over, "When is the court going to be ready?" much as puppies at the pound might plead for a good home.

Prior to the project, the court showed wear and tear from 10 years' abuse, so out it came, piece by piece. In its place, a new floor was laid: a Mach I, National Collegiate Athletic

Association court shipped from the United States. A fresh paint job – complete with a growling grizzly bear, the Grafenwoehr mascot, in the center – followed.

To keep the court in top condition, facility rules will be strictly enforced. Because shoes must be carried in hand onto the floor, basketball players should either take an extra pair or sign out shoes at the front desk. Food and drink will be allowed in the gym only during tournaments.

Unit- and community-level registration for those who wish to play this winter will continue through October. To sign up, stop by or call the field house at 475-6426/8361 or phone 476-2998/2189 in Vilseck.

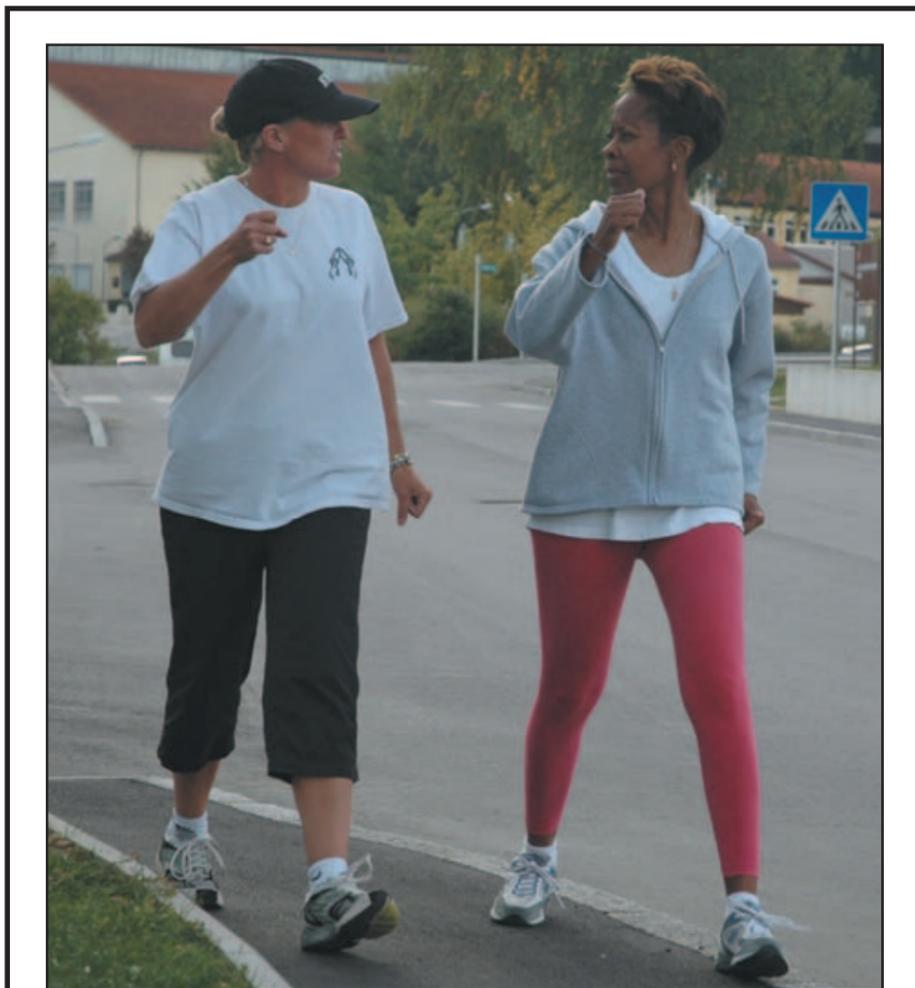


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### Walktoberfest

Susan Green (left) and Cynthia Nicholson, both of Hohenfels, get an early start on the Walk in October program, which the 100th Area Support Group has planned to mark National Walking Month. According to 100th ASG health promotion coordinator Susannah Knapp, October, with its moderate temperatures and spectacular foliage, is an ideal time to begin this self-paced program. To see Bavaria in her autumnal glory while putting extra steps on your pedometer, sign up for one of Outdoor Recreation's hiking trips; call 475-7402, 476-2563 or 466-2060 for details.

### Off post

- Oktoberfest in Munich runs through Oct. 3. For those reluctant to go on their own, the Information, Tickets and Reservations offices on all three posts have trips planned for Oct. 2 – just in time for last call. The fee is \$25. To reserve your spot, phone 475-7402, 476-2295 or 466-2225/2060.
  - German and American women and girls over the age of 14 are invited to join The Encores, a choir that performs at local Christmas events, weddings and festivals. The group practices every Wednesday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the off-post Protestant Chapel Annex, located just outside gate 1 in Grafenwoehr. For more information, call Katherine DiCrocco at 09647-929785.
  - Take a guided walking tour through the historic city of Regensburg, learning about the houses, the cathedral, the ancient stone bridge with its Roman foundations and the *Porta Praetoria*. The one-and-a-half- to two-hour tours leave from the tourist office at the *Altes Rathaus* every Wednesday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost 6 euros. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call the tourist office at 0941-507-4410.

### Army Community Service Grafenwoehr and Vilseck

- Mothers with children ages 18 months to 3 years are invited to Play Mornings: Tuesdays at 10 in Grafenwoehr and Thursdays at 9:30 in Vilseck. For more information,

call 476-2650.

- Train to become an Army Family Team Building instructor Oct. 6 to 8, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Vilseck ACS. To register for this free course, call 476-2797.

### Hohenfels

Learn to fight fairly at Relationship Enrichment, Oct. 21, 3 to 4 p.m., at ACS. To sign up, phone 466-2861/2081.

### Trips and tours

(See also Oktoberfest, *Off post*)

### Grafenwoehr and Vilseck

- Visit Legoland, Munich, one of the newest locations, Oct. 3. The \$25 fee does not include park admission.
  - Travel to Berlin for Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 8 to 11. The trip will include planned tours and outings as well as free time. Three nights' accommodation is included in the \$200 fee.
  - Shop for Polish pottery at the source Oct. 16. The fee for this trip – the last of the year – is \$45. Passports are required.
  - Spend the day sightseeing in Prague Oct. 17. Bring a camera and your passport.
- For more information about the above excursions, call Information, Tickets and Reservations at 475-7402 or 476-2360.
- Go deep-sea fishing on the North Sea in Cuxhaven, Germany, Oct. 15 to 17. The \$125 fee includes transportation and equipment, and no license is required. Registration is required by Oct. 2; call Outdoor Recreation at 475-7402 or 476-2563.



Photo by Alice Adler

### Snack attack

Christine Philman and Beth Lechner head the chow line after the Hohenfels Protestant Women of the Chapel kickoff Sept. 8. Members donned battle dress uniforms in observance of this year's theme, *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*, which will also be the subject of a keynote address at the area-wide PWOC Fall Rally, Oct. 23 in Hohenfels. Because lunches will be provided, reservations are required. For more information, call your local chapel.

### Hohenfels

- Take a day trip to two German castles Oct. 16; the fee is \$45.
- See the sights of restored Dresden Oct. 30; the fee is \$50.

For more information about either trip, call ITR at 466-2225.

### Arts and Crafts Centers Grafenwoehr

- Create a Santa bell pull with the paper-piecing technique, Oct. 1 and 5, 9 to 11 a.m.; the \$15 fee does not include supplies.
- Children aged 6 and up can make a felt pumpkin Oct. 7, 3 to 5 p.m.; the fee is \$7.50.
- A basket-weaving class for youths ages 10 to 15 will be taught Oct. 9, 12 to 4:30 p.m.; the fee is \$15.

For more information about these classes, call 475-6101.

### Vilseck

- A cooking class on Oct. 2, 1 to 5 p.m., will feature Pacific Rim cuisine; the fee is \$30.

- Learn to decorate your windows in the Gallery Glass class, Oct. 11, 12 to 5 p.m.; the fee of \$7.50 does not include supplies.
- Make a mobile for your baby's crib Oct. 22, 3 to 6 p.m.; supplies are not included in the \$7.50 fee. Call 476-2652 to register for any of these classes.

### Hohenfels

- Basic framing will be taught Oct. 16, 1 to 4 p.m.; the fee is \$30.
- Lasting Impressions Photography will hold holiday photo shoots Oct. 17 and 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A nonrefundable sitting fee of \$20, which includes one 5-by-7 print, must be paid in advance. To make an appointment, stop by the Arts and Crafts Center. For more information about either, call 466-2538.

## Library plans picnic in the park

To celebrate the National Book Festival, Grafenwoehr Library will host a picnic on the former golf course Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community members are invited to pack their moveable feasts and browse the array of books that will be on display. Parents are encouraged to take favorite volumes, spread a blanket on the green and read to their children.

Between tales, youths can

learn to play soccer, take part in craft projects, frolic in the jumping castle or watch *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and *Chicken Run* at the lawn family cinema.

Free transportation from Rose Barracks will be available. A shuttle will depart from the Vilseck Library at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.

In case of rain, the event will be postponed until Oct. 7.

Call 475-1740 for more details.



Photo by Kevin Young

**Zwetschkuchen can be found in any German bakery, but a homemade one will be best. This easy recipe features a crust that requires no rolling and plums that are child's play to pit.**

## Season's plum assignment: Baking 'Zwetschkuchen'

BY MARTINA BIAS  
SPECIAL TO TRAINING TIMES

*Pflaumenkuchen*, or 'plum cake,' is a late summer and early fall favorite throughout Germany. In Bavaria, it usually goes by the name *Zwetschkuchen*. *Zwetschgen* are oval, bluish-purple plums with golden flesh, and the perfect choice for baking, because they are a "freestone" variety, meaning that when cut in half, their pits are easily removed.

*Zwetschgen* are also used to make brandy, not only in Germany and parts of Eastern Europe, but in France, where there are known as "*quetsches*." In America, they are usually called "Italian plums" or "prune plums," and can sometimes be found at markets.

*Zwetschgen* also freeze well. Slit them open lengthwise, remove the pits, butterfly them and lay the fruits on a baking sheet in a single layer. If placed in the freezer until they are hard, the plums will remain separate, even after being transferred to freezer bags and stored.

Germans make *Zwetschkuchen* in a variety of ways, but it is always open-faced — a layer of fruit on a golden base of some sort. Although the bottom is often a thin layer of sponge cake, most Americans would find the name "plum cake" misleading; in English, it would almost certainly be described as a tart. That is particularly true of this recipe, which features flaky shortcrust pastry topped with plums — or other fruit in season (for *Apfelkuchen*, replace the plums with four or five apples that have been peeled, cored and sliced).

You can prepare the *Kuchen* with or without its streusel topping, as it is delicious either way. Serve cold with a dollop of whipped cream or warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Bakeries often make *Zwetschkuchen* in a jelly-roll

pan, which yields up to 20 servings, but the following recipe uses a 10-inch springform pan, for a more manageable 10 to 12 wedges.

*Guten Appetit!*

### Zwetschkuchen

2 1/2 cups flour  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, at room temperature  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 egg  
About 30 *Zwetschgen*, fresh or frozen, pitted  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 tablespoons unseasoned bread crumbs (if using frozen plums)

### Streusel topping

1/2 cup (1 stick) cold butter or margarine  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Knead flour, butter or margarine, sugar, and egg until you can form a ball of dough. Pat into bottom and two inches up sides of a greased 10-inch springform pan. Refrigerate for one hour. (If using frozen plums, set them out at this point to thaw a little.)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

For streusel topping, combine sugar, flour and vanilla extract. Using a fork or a pastry blender, cut cold butter or margarine into dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Set aside.

With a fork, prick bottom of crust several times. (If you are using frozen fruits, sprinkle the bread crumbs over the bottom surface of the crust to absorb any excess moisture.)

Arrange *Zwetschgen* in a flower pattern, starting with a row around outside and working inward, overlapping halves slightly. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Crumble streusel topping over fruits if desired.

Bake for one hour or until streusel topping is lightly browned.

# What are you staring at?

BY MARTINA BIAS  
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Have you ever seen a painting of a person so realistic that its eyes seem to follow you? These portraits can make one very uncomfortable. Unfortunately, many Americans experience a similar feeling while out and about in their local German communities.

My American friends have repeatedly asked me why Germans stare at others so much. Their apprehension has made me think about this annoying habit of mine. Someone once jokingly suggested that staring is genetic. Perhaps it is. All of my German family and friends do it.

The sad thing is that often I don't realize it until my husband whispers in my ear, "You are staring again!"

I really don't mean to be rude. I seem to stare when I have nothing else to do, as when I am waiting, for example. Often a particular thing about a person has caught my eye — their clothing or a gesture. Maybe the object of my curiosity reminds me of someone I know or simply stands out in some way.

Once when we lived in Texas, my parents flew from Germany to visit us. I was terribly embarrassed by the way my mother so obviously stared at everyone, until I realized this was her way of taking

in new surroundings.

Indeed, most Germans don't stare because they disapprove of you or are annoyed, though the expressions on their faces might give you that impression.

Ironically, when my husband, our children and I go out and speak English, I find myself on the receiving end of these disturbing stares. Admittedly, the reason is simply that we have marked ourselves out as Americans — not a good force protection measure for those who should try to blend in.

When I asked other Germans how they reacted in the face of such scrutiny, their responses

varied. Some really don't believe that Germans stare; they regard it as "looking at each other." Others freely admit to staring and are likewise not offended when someone meets their gaze. A few see it as a kind of national pastime, proclaiming it "fun and free entertainment that doesn't hurt anybody," in the words of one such spectator.

I know that many of you may be thinking incredulously, "But don't Germans know it is rude to stare?" The answer is a resounding "no."

Children in Germany are never taught that staring is impolite. On the contrary, failing to look at someone is considered rude. If you walk past a person without making eye contact and uttering some form of greeting, you risk being perceived as unfriendly or conceited.

As in America, however, pointing at someone is considered extremely ill-mannered. My father always told me, "It is rude to use a naked finger and

point it at a fully dressed person."

What should you do then, the next time someone peers unabashedly, having clearly mistaken you

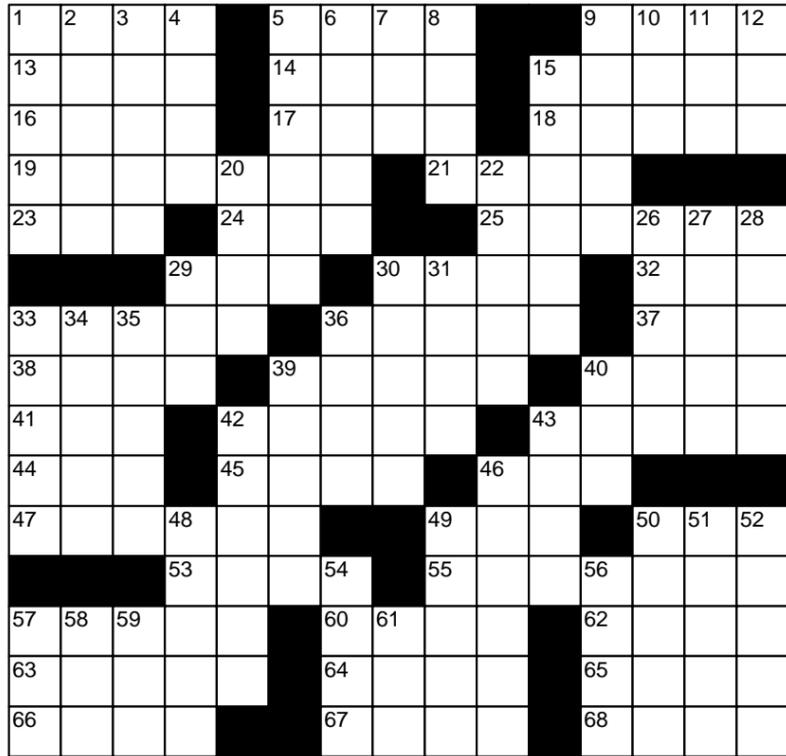
for some exotic animal at the zoo? Try to remember that your observer really doesn't mean any harm. I have found that a smile usually relieves the tension and often results with the same in return.

*If you have a favorite German dish and would like to make it at home, or if you have ever wondered why Germans do certain things, e-mail your requests and questions to [martina.bias@us.army.mil](mailto:martina.bias@us.army.mil). One of your suggestions could be used for a future column.*



# Crossword

Before the next 'Survivor' leaves the isle or the 'Bachelor' gives a rose, take the challenge of this reality show puzzle – if you dare. Edited by Allison Eckel



Constructed using Crossword Weaver(TM)

- Across**
- 1 Long, detailed account
  - 5 Sympathize
  - 9 Poss. reaction to reality shows
  - 13 Blue-eyed pilot
  - 14 Neglect
  - 15 Type of bear
  - 16 *The \_\_\_ World*
  - 17 Midday
  - 18 Dickens' \_\_\_ of *Two Cities* (two words)
  - 19 Current *Survivor* locale
  - 21 Account (abbr.)
  - 23 Eastern Standard Time
  - 24 Forbid
  - 25 Armed robberies

- 29 Network for *Trading Spaces*
- 30 Winged
- 32 Defined period in history
- 33 Apply paint as on *Overhaulin'*
- 36 One-armed bandits
- 37 Dog type
- 38 Crispy squares cereal
- 39 Ballerina painter
- 40 The other half of "Iwo"
- 41 Clod
- 42 *American Idol* judge
- 43 Anti-reality shows
- 44 Exploit, as with alliances on *Survivor*
- 45 Strive
- 46 That girl
- 47 Look over the book, again
- 49 Executive
- 50 Not against
- 53 Gets older
- 55 Bade
- 57 House rodent
- 60 Goal of *Clean Sweep*
- 62 Emmy award materials
- 63 Stay \_\_\_! (keep watching)
- 64 Similar
- 65 President's office
- 66 Bowed stringed instrument
- 67 *The Amazing \_\_\_*
- 68 *Are You Hot?* contestants, e.g.

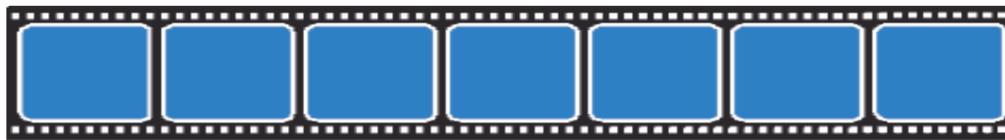
**Down**

- 1 Suffice
- 2 Regions
- 3 Mammoth
- 4 Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
- 5 Brand of cold remedy
- 6 Goal of *The Bachelor*
- 7 Duran Duran sand dancer
- 8 Italian volcano
- 9 *Growing Up \_\_\_*
- 10 \_\_\_ mode (two words)
- 11 Crony
- 12 Before, poetically
- 15 Indiana's basketball team
- 20 Aptly
- 22 *The Real World* segments

- 26 Reddish-brown
- 27 Lord of *The Apprentice*
- 28 Icelandic legends
- 29 Tariff
- 30 Binary star
- 31 Lend
- 33 Leave no stone unturned
- 34 Cycle
- 35 Mean
- 36 Partial
- 39 Light-emitting \_\_\_
- 40 *Average \_\_\_*
- 42 Scripted
- 43 Has shoes on
- 46 Placid
- 48 Artist's need
- 49 *Last \_\_\_ Standing*
- 50 Demonstrate
- 51 Slow down
- 52 Strangely
- 54 Goal of *American Idol* singers
- 56 Ids' counterparts
- 57 Network for first reality show (1989)
- 58 French "yes"
- 59 "One" in Spanish
- 61 Precedes an alias



# now showing



Unless otherwise noted, the theaters in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and movies begin at 7 p.m. Because schedules are subject to change by local theaters, please telephone for verification.

**Grafenwoehr, Camp Aachen**  
(09641-83-6115)

The theater in Camp Aachen would not normally screen films during this time because of its limited use by troops. Tune in to AFN Bavaria for announcements about movies at Camp Aachen or phone the theater to hear a recording of the latest schedule.

**Grafenwoehr, Tower**  
(09641-83-1790)

**Wednesday, Sept. 29** *Catwoman* (PG-13)  
**Thursday, Sept. 30** *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid* (PG-13)  
**Friday, Oct. 1** *Paparazzi* (PG-13)  
**Saturday, Oct. 2** *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* (PG)  
**Sunday, Oct. 3** *A Cinderella Story* (PG)  
**Wednesday, Oct. 6** *Two Brothers* (PG)  
**Thursday, Oct. 7** *King Arthur* (PG-13)  
**Friday, Oct. 8** *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* (R)

**Saturday, Oct. 9** *First Daughter* (PG)  
**Sunday, Oct. 10** 1 p.m. *Spider-Man 2* (PG-13)  
*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* (PG)

**Hohenfels, General Patton**  
(09472-83-1790)

**Wednesday, Sept. 29** *Spider-Man 2* (PG-13)  
**Thursday, Sept. 30** *Paparazzi* (PG-13)  
**Friday, Oct. 1** *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* (R)  
**Saturday, Oct. 2** *Thunderbirds* (PG)  
**Sunday, Oct. 3** 1 p.m. *A Cinderella Story* (PG)  
*Around the World in 80 Days* (PG)  
**Wednesday, Oct. 6** *Garfield* (PG)  
**Thursday, Oct. 7** *White Chicks* (PG-13)  
**Friday, Oct. 8** *I, Robot* (PG-13)  
**Saturday, Oct. 9** *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle* (R)  
**Sunday, Oct. 10** *The Notebook* (PG-13)

**Vilseck, Mike Jurkewicz**  
(09662-83-1790)

**Tuesday, Sept. 28** *Catwoman* (PG-13)  
**Wednesday, Sept. 29** *A Cinderella Story* (PG)  
**Thursday, Sept. 30** *The Terminal* (PG-13)  
**Friday, Oct. 1** *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* (PG)  
**Saturday, Oct. 2** *The Bourne Supremacy* (PG-13)  
**Sunday, Oct. 3** 1 p.m. *Two Brothers* (PG)  
*Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story* (PG-13)  
**Monday, Oct. 4** *King Arthur* (PG-13)  
**Tuesday, Oct. 5** *White Chicks* (PG-13)  
**Wednesday, Oct. 6** *Around the World in 80 Days* (PG)  
**Thursday, Oct. 7** *A Cinderella Story* (PG)  
**Friday, Oct. 8** *First Daughter* (PG)  
**Saturday, Oct. 9** *Paparazzi* (PG-13)  
**Sunday, Oct. 10** *I, Robot* (PG-13)  
**Monday, Oct. 11** *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle* (R)

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**He's no Secret Service agent, but *First Daughter* Katie Holmes finds her first love in Marc Blucas.**

***Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid***  
 Starring Johnny Messner, Matthew Marsden, Morris Chestnut  
 A group of scientists searching for a rare flower encounters an evil that may prevent their escape from the jungle.

***Around the World in 80 Days***  
 Starring Jackie Chan, Steve Coogan, Jim Broadbent  
 At the turn of the 20th century, a quirky inventor strives to prove his scientific worth by accepting a challenge to circumnavigate the globe.

***The Bourne Supremacy***  
 Starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Brian Cox  
 In this sequel to *The Bourne Identity*, the expert assassin coolly maneuvers through the world of international espionage, despite being haunted by memories of his former life.

***Catwoman***  
 Starring Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt, Lambert Wilson  
 A painfully shy artist is transformed into a woman with the strength, agility and ultrakeen senses of a cat.

***A Cinderella Story***  
 Starring Hilary Duff, Chad Michael Murray, Dan Byrd  
 In this modern take on the classic tale, a high-school girl overcomes her wicked stepmother to win the boy of her dreams – with a little help from an unlikely fairy godmother.

***Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story***  
 Starring Ben Stiller, Christine Taylor, Vince Vaughn  
 A local gym is threatened by a gleaming new sports-and-fitness facility — unless a group of underdogs can win the ultimate dodgeball competition.

***First Daughter***  
 Starring Katie Holmes, Marc Blucas, Michael Keaton  
 Every college freshman wants to leave home and break away from the parents – especially if one of them is the president of the United States. Asserting one's independence isn't easy, however, when a Secret Service agent is around every corner.

***Garfield***  
 Starring Breckin Meyer, Bill Murray, Liz Wilson  
 He's cynical, lazy and – literally — a fat cat. America's most well-fed feline waddles onto the big screen in this live-action adaptation of the cartoon strip.

***Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle***  
 Starring John Cho, Kal Penn, Malin Akerman  
 Set within the span of one night, this road-trip comedy features a recent college graduate and a medical student on their quest for a sack of the brand-name burgers.

***I, Robot***  
 Starring Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan, Bruce Greenwood  
 The year is 2035, and robots have become a common household item. These mechanical servants are trusted by everyone – except for one detective on the trail of a suspicious automaton.

***King Arthur***  
 Starring Clive Owen, Stellan Skarsgard, Keira Knightley  
 The legendary British king leads his Knights of the Round Table on a quest of adventure, aided by Merlin the Magician and Guinevere.

***The Notebook***  
 Starring Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, James Garner  
 Based on the bestselling novel by Nicholas Sparks, this film follows a woman as she is reminded of a World War II romance by the discovery of her old notebook.

***Paparazzi***  
 Starring Cole Hauser, Tom Sizemore, Robin Tunney  
 Hounded by muckraking photographers, a celebrity vows revenge when their pursuit causes a car accident that injures his family.

***Resident Evil: Apocalypse***  
 Starring Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez, Eric Mabius  
 Based on the popular video game series, this action-packed thriller follows a group of commandos as they race to stop a deadly virus before it overruns the world.

***Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow***  
 Starring Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie  
 A reporter teams up with an ace aviator to investigate the disappearance of several renowned scientists. The duo races around the world stop a villain with an evil scheme.

***Spider-Man 2***  
 Starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, Alfred Molina  
 Mild-mannered Peter Parker struggles to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero and a college student in this sequel.

***The Terminal***  
 Starring Tom Hanks, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Chi McBride  
 An Eastern European visiting New York becomes stranded when his homeland erupts in a coup. During his months at the airport, he finds absurdity, generosity – even romance.

***Thunderbirds***  
 Starring Ben Kingsley, Bill Paxton, Anthony Edwards  
 Based on a cult British television show from the 1960s, this live-action version stars a law-enforcement team summoned from their desert island in times of crisis.

***Two Brothers***  
 Starring Guy Pearce, Jean-Claude Dreyfus, Christian Clavier  
 Set in the British colonies of southeast Asia during the 1900s, this film is the tale of two tiger cubs taken from their home in the jungle and separated in captivity.

***White Chicks***  
 Starring Marlon Wayans, Shawn Wayans, Jamie King  
 When a kidnapper threatens two heiresses, inept FBI agents disguise themselves as Hamptons-bound sisters.



**John Cho and Kal Penn will stop at nothing to curb their cravings in *Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle*.**